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Report of the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

1. By General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954, Member States were invited to extend to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories offers of facilities not only for study and training of university standard, but also for study at the post-primary level, as well as technical and vocational training of immediate practical value.

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1696 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, offers extended under resolution 845 (IX) are communicated by the Secretariat to the administering Powers to enable them to give appropriate publicity to the offers in the Territories under their administration.

3. Information on scholarships offered by Member States under the programme is made available to prospective applicants. Reference to the programme is included in the thirtieth edition of the handbook entitled *Study Abroad*, published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

4. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) and subsequent resolutions,[1] the Secretary-General submits to the Assembly each year a report containing detailed information on the offers made and the extent to which they were utilized.[2] The present report, which covers the period from 7 August 1998 to 12 August 1999, is submitted in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 53/63.

II. Scholarship offers and awards

A. Offering States

5. Over the years, the 47 States Members of the United Nations and one non-member State listed below have offered to make scholarships available for the use of inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories in response to the aforementioned resolutions:

Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Finland, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation,

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Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

B. Offers and awards

Austria

6. In a note verbale dated 26 July 1999, the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the Austrian Development Cooperation regularly provides vocational training and capacity-building for inhabitants of Western Sahara in the infrastructure and education sectors. Furthermore, specific assistance is provided on a regular basis for the training of kindergarten teachers from that territory.

Finland

7. In a note verbale dated 26 March 1999, the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the Government of Finland did not currently have scholarship programmes for students from Non-Self-Governing Territories. However, in individual cases during an ongoing development project, training subsidies could be financed from the development cooperation budget if a particular training need occurs. Further, the Government of Finland finances non-governmental organizations, which promote education.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

8. In a facsimile dated 12 August 1999, the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that during the financial year 1998–1999, the Government of the United Kingdom awarded funds to 131 students in the field of education and provided 9,056 pounds sterling for other educational assistance to the United Kingdom Overseas Territories, as follows:

Anguilla:
Three awards: one Chevening scholarship, including travel, fees for courses, books, clothing and substantive assistance to the student; one new Commonwealth fellowship and scholarship plan (CFSP; includes assistance for families) award and one maintenance grant (stipend or living allowance) for a CFSP award granted in 1997–1998

Bermuda:
One maintenance grant for a CFSP award granted in 1996–1997

British Virgin Islands:
One maintenance grant for a CFSP award granted in 1997–1998

Cayman Islands:
Three awards, comprising two Chevening scholarships and one new CFSP award

Gibraltar:
Three awards, including one new CFSP award and two maintenance grants for CFSP awards from 1997–1998

Montserrat:
Ninety-six awards, comprising one Chevening scholarship, one new CFSP award, two maintenance grants for CFSP awards from 1997/98 and 92 awards under the Montserrat emergency awards scheme. The sum of 7,400 pounds sterling was awarded through the Department for International Development (DFID) small grants scheme. Money was spent on sports facilities and other equipment, on air fares for pupils attending a science conference in Barbados and to fund a cadet to a course in Barbados

Saint Helena:
Twenty-three awards, including 15 under the technical cooperation training programme, one Good Government Fund award, four student scholarships (funded in part by DFID), two awards funded by Crown Agents, and one maintenance grant for a CFSP award granted in 1996–1997

Turks and Caicos Islands:
One Chevening scholarship and 1,655 pounds sterling for computer equipment presented to a local high school.

III. Applications made through the United Nations

9. In accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 1696 (XVI), applications for scholarships received by the United Nations Secretariat from inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories are transmitted simultaneously to the offering States for consideration and to the administering Powers for information.

10. Between 25 September 1998 and 12 August 1999, the Secretariat received requests from 16 students for information on the availability of scholarships. None of those students were inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Notes

[1] The most recent resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on this question are its resolutions 49/42, 50/35, 51/142, 52/74 and 53/63.

[2] For the most recent reports, see A/49/413; A/50/481; A/51/373; A/52/388; and A/53/262 and Add.1.